



# ANIMAL SERVICES NEWS

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## Census of Agriculture

The deadline to respond to the USDA'S National Agricultural Statistics Services Census of Agriculture is February 5th. Producers should respond online at [www.agcounts.usda.gov](http://www.agcounts.usda.gov) or by mail. The census is conducted once every five years and the responses are essential to developing policies such as the Farm Bill, community planning, and more. By law producers, even those that are not currently producing, are required to respond. All information is kept confidential and used for statistical purposes only. "We are asking producers to help show our nation the value and importance of American agriculture," said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue. "We need to hear from all of our farmers and ranchers, no matter how big or how small their part of agriculture. The Census is their voice, their future, their opportunity. Please respond now." For more information, visit [https://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Newsroom/2018/01\\_29\\_2018.php](https://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Newsroom/2018/01_29_2018.php)

**2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE**  
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## Salt River Horses

In 2016, Governor Ducey signed a bill to protect the Salt River horse herd. One of the bill's provisions required the Arizona Department of Agriculture (AZDA) and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to enter into an intergovernmental agreement, which occurred on December 28, 2017. The reason for the agreement is that citizens of the United States and Arizona have a desire for horses to reside on the Lower Salt River. The purpose of the agreement is to create a plan that will govern issues related to the Salt River horse herd. Both agencies will be part of a collaborative process with the goal of creating a management plan for the Salt River horse herd. Another requirement is for AZDA to employ a Salt River Horse Liaison, who will be responsible for managing the third parties that are selected to manage the horses through the state's Request for Proposal process. We have concluded the interviews and are in the process of hiring a candidate.



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